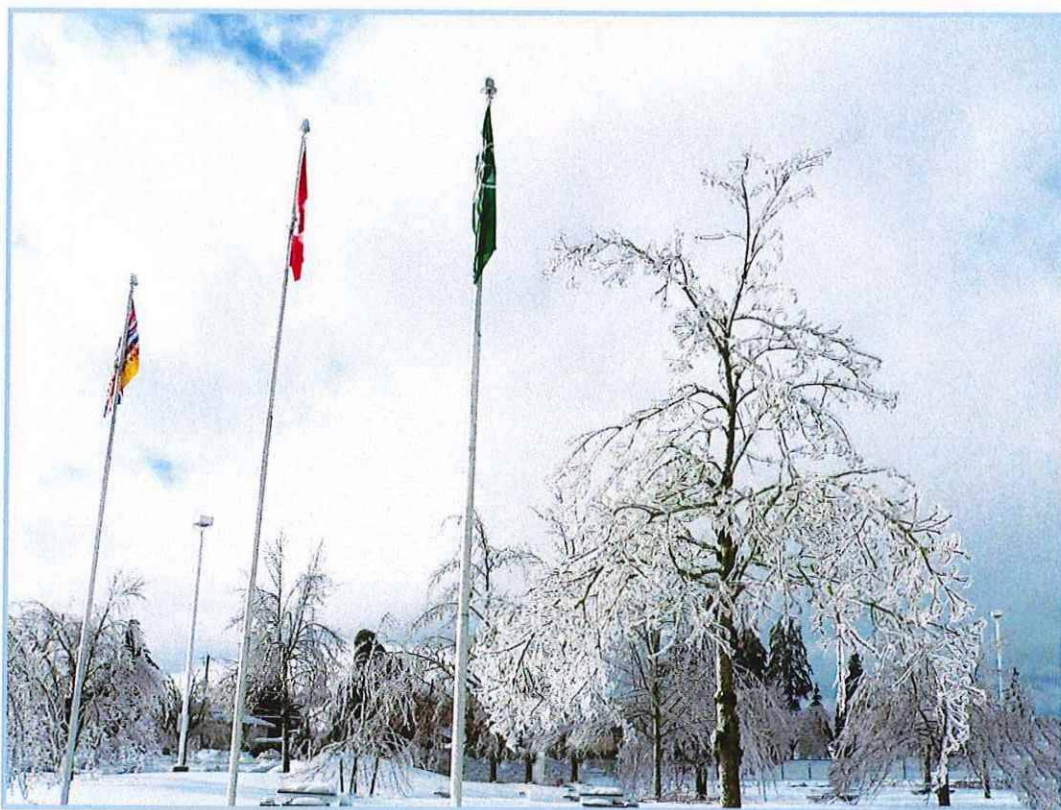


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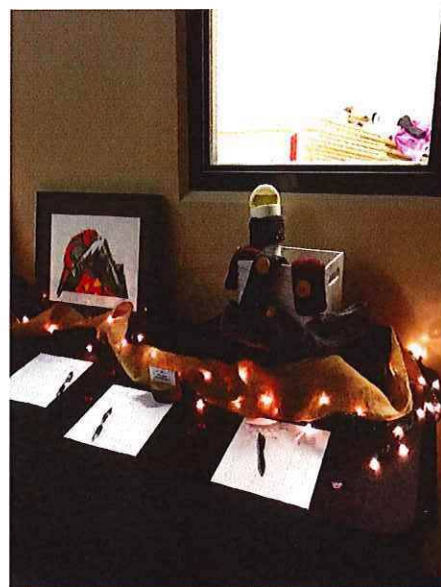
First Quarter Report, 2017



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Recreation and Culture

Neighbourhood Grant—Celebration and Activity Program On February 11, 2017 members living in the Eastern Hillside gathered together for a Valentines Dessert Evening. The purpose of this evening was to celebrate good fellowship the area and generate interest in the Community Forest Trails. The evening began shortly after 7:30pm with over 45 people in attendance. There was a brief presentation from the Chilliwack Park Society and through discussion it was discovered that most of the people in attendance were users of the trails or had a hand in building them. Although the event was scheduled to end at 9:00pm many people stayed on for extra visiting time.

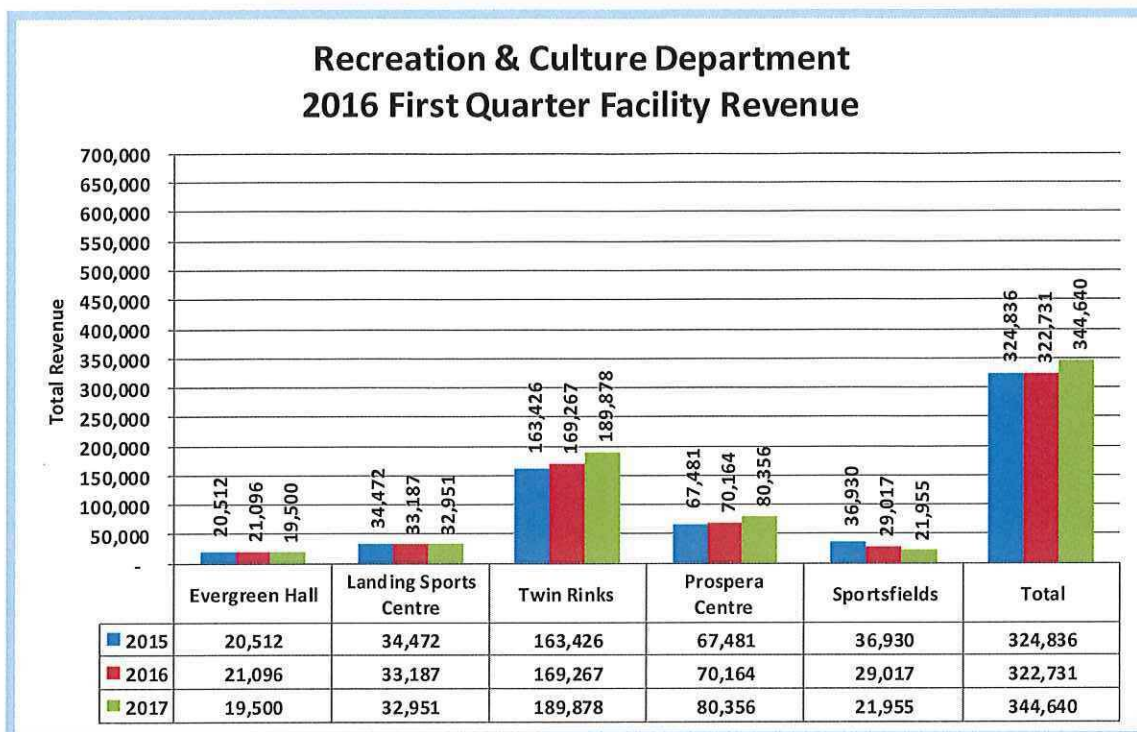


Family Day—February 7th

Both sheets of ice at Twin Rinks were bursting at the seams the Family Day events. Over 400 people took part in the free skate. Free hot chocolate proved to be a perfect compliment to the games and other activities that were hosted at the facility.



Recreation and Culture Facility Revenue Report



Chilliwack Heritage Park

Chilliwack Heritage Park kicked off the new year with the Pacific All-Star Championships. The facility then hosted the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce's Business Excellence Awards. This was Chilliwack's premiere red-carpet affair and it demonstrated the facility has the capacity to host large-scale, elegant affairs. The Chamber event was quickly followed by the annual Chilliwack Home & Leisure Show. Heritage Park then hosted the Mt. Cheam Dog Show, the Rover Landers Meet and the All About Kids Expo. March started off with the Fraser Valley Women's Show and then the facility hosted the second annual All About Fishing Show. This free, family event proved to be very popular. The final show of the first quarter was the annual Gun and Antique Show, one of the largest shows of its kind in Canada. The show was a hit once again and attracted thousands of gun enthusiasts.



Yarrow Community School Society

For the first eight weeks of the new year the early Saturday mornings had 40 young ball hockey players having the run of the gym. As soon as the hockey group cleared out the Ankle Biters and Knee Knockers in the 3-6 yrs. old soccer development program took over. For eight, sometimes snowy weeks, some very committed participants enjoyed the wrestling, curling and drawing programs. One fun evening in February there were over 125 people of all ages who joined in on the second annual Math Mania event. The community school hosted UFV Math students and faculty for an evening of math games and puzzles. There are 18 newly minted, certified babysitters ready to go to work after completing the babysitter course in February. Spring Break was filled with two weeks of day camps with a Nature in our Neighbourhood focus. The kids built Barn Swallow houses to put up in their yards and neighbourhood, painted wood salmon to decorate the fence by the school garden creek, enjoyed an educational presentation by the OWL Rehabilitation group and they had lots of fun walking the new river trails in our own backyard.



Math mania

Birdhouse making



Promontory Heights Elementary Community School

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association enjoyed a busy, fun, winter session of afterschool programs. Winter programs offered included: Tiny Chefs, Baking up a Storm, Pickle Ball, Discover Dance and Pilates Body Sculpt.

PHECSA's drop-in programs continued to be a great success! The drop-in program "Tween Night" held on Friday evenings for youth in grades 5 – 7 offers kids the chance to socialize with their peers in a safe and fun environment. The Busy Bees caregiver/parent & tot program was often at full capacity. Numbers are capped at 15 families each week due to limited space. This wonderful program offers a variety of themed crafts and story time, plus lots of free play time, all while providing participants a chance to connect with others in the community. The Primetimers program has seen an increase in membership to roughly 20 participants per week. This weekly drop-in program provides seniors with a chance to enjoy conversation and coffee. Our private piano lessons are operating at full capacity, with a wait list.

PHECSA held monthly free movie nights drawing an average of 200 people per movie.



Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society

CCECSS introduced a new Ball Hockey program into the winter session in addition to the ongoing regularly attended sports and recreation sports and recreation classes offered to participants from preschool to adult.

The facility opened a new Before and After School Care called Central Sockeye Community Care. This program serves low income and high-risk children and their families so the adults can return to school, take parenting programs or



return to work while their children are in daycare.

85% of the families in the program are subsidized and have a connection with the Ministry of Child and Family Development. CCECSS ran its first year of Spring Break "all day" daycare camp.



Rosedale Traditional Community School

The facility was busy with activity seven days a week starting at 7:00 am in the mornings until 10:00 pm in the evenings from Monday through Friday, and at times on the weekends until 11:00pm. Youth continue to attend Friday Fun Zone for grades 4 to 6 and Youth Nite for grades 7 to 9. Leaders plan weekly themed activities to keep the young people in the community busy and safe. Spring Break camps were at capacity during the month of March with participants enjoying outings to the Leisure Landing Centre and Play Abby. Winter program sessions invited participants to join in on Rhythmic Gymnastics, Ukulele, Piano and Guitar. Drop in sports programs for adults continue to be popular. Attendance for this quarter was approximately 11,200.



Friday Nite volunteers



Preschool program



Greendale Elementary Community School

During the first quarter programming was been aimed more towards the arts and sciences having found a couple of great instructors – Carla Swope (Jewelry Making) and John LeFlock (Art). iLearning Canada brought their LEGO Robotics Programming to Greendale and it was well received. Over seventy-five children preschool aged and above attended the Winter / Spring Programs – Acting Outright Drama Club, ASSAI Jewelry Making & Art Classes

All the long term weekly rentals of Little Kickers Soccer, Yoga with Dee, ChitoRyu Karate, Focus on Fitness Classes and Valley Christian Ministry are doing well .



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Chilliwack Museum and Archives

Tristan Evans joined the Museum staff as Archivist on February 15th. Tristan holds a Master's degree in Public History from California State University at Sacramento, and a BA in History from the University of California at Davis. He has experience in both cultural resource management, research, and the Archives field, having worked most notably at the California State Archives, where he led a number of key appraisal, arrangement, and description projects. Though he lived in California for many years, Tristan is a Canadian who originally hails from Prince George, and is a white-water sports enthusiast. Tristan has hit the ground running as Archivist, providing tremendous service to the community.

With a grant from the Chilliwack Foundation, newly installed Museum grade rollshutters now secure our ground floor exhibition galleries. Printed with historic photographs, they enhance the functionality and security of the Chilliwack Museum and archives.



Facility attendance during the first quarter of 2017: 881 (excluding off-site exhibit locations), 9,597 website visits, 148 archives visits and 81 phone/email inquiries.

Chilliwack and District Seniors' Resources Society

In the first quarter of 2017, Chilliwack & District Seniors' Resources Society experienced a 20% increase in visits to the facility over the same reporting period in 2016. This is largely due to increased rentals to meet activity demands and ongoing community engagement.

January and February saw 60 calls for the Seniors' Resources Society's Snow Angel Program with 44 actual volunteer visits to remove snow amounting to 64.5 volunteer hours. Approximately 29 administrative hours were necessary for the coordination of this program, including registration of volunteers, calls to and from City of Chilliwack regarding bylaw notices and follow up for statistics and volunteer appreciation.

The Seniors' Resources Society's 2017 Community Volunteer Income Tax Program started on March 1st at Evergreen Hall. During the month of March, 367 clients dropped off their returns to volunteers and returned for pick up representing 734 facility visits.



Chilliwack & District Seniors' Resources Society's Annual General Meeting was hosted in the Cheam Room of Evergreen Hall on March 16, 2017. Fifty-seven attendees, including Her Worship Mayor Sharon Gaetz, attended. Over 34 hours of programming took place each week at the Landing Sports Centre and Evergreen Hall.



There was 4073 telephone, walk-in and email enquiries to our office and 3,502 visits to the Evergreen Hall facility to attend activities.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre

The Society

The Society's 2017 Presentations started the second half of the season with Cabaret of Wonders V followed by the Canadian Guitar Quartet in January. February shows included; The Kinda OK Corral, From Bach to Brubeck, An Intimate Evening with Valdy, Swan Lake, Cabaret of Wonders VI, and the The Centre Rocks VII. A packed March saw One Man Dark Knight Trilogy: A Batman Parody, I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!, Lion Bear Fox, Ring of Fire: the Music of Johnny Cash, Cabaret of Wonders VII, The Centre Rocks VIII, Getting to Room Temperature, and The Irrelevant Show come to The Centre.

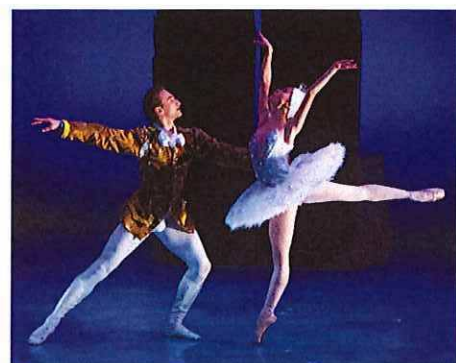
Classes

Adult Arts classes were offered in Pottery, Wirework, Flamework, Photography, Drawing, Painting, as well as open studios for Clay, Life Drawing and Glass work.

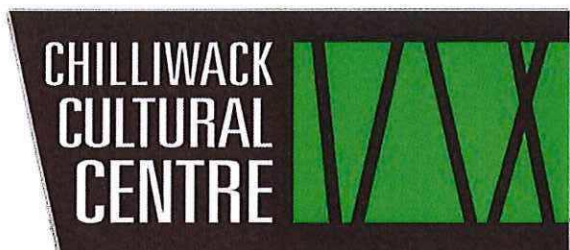
Kids Classes were offered in Clay, Performance, Magic and Anime.

A special Dance Master Class also took place with Swan Lakes' Ballet Jorgen.

Spring Break Art Camps took place from 8:30am to 4:30pm for the dates of March 13 to March 17 and March 20 to March 24. Forty eight classes were offered including: Clay, Arts & Crafts, Sewing, Photography, Performance, Ukulele, Guitar, Printmaking and Magic .



Swan Lake Ballett



Spring Break clay making



Renters

Rental presentations included: the Chilliwack School of Performing Art's production of The Little Mermaid, Creative Outlets Dance Team Preview Show, Rock.It.Boy Entertainment's Bonfire, Chilliwack Music Academy's fundraiser – Fraser Valley Distillery Festival, Savage West Production's A Tribute to Country Icons, the Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra's The One and Only Beethoven, Savage West Production's The King – A Musical Tribute to Elvis, Dance in Motion's Raise the Barre, FG Leary's A Midsummer Night's Dream, Lions Festival's Dance Honor Performance, Project Dance's Rise, Mini Med's Medicine to the End of Life, High Tide Concert's Canada's Most Authentic Pink Floyd Tribute Band – PIGS, Mini Med's Fentanyl, Addiction & Homelessness, and Rock.It.Boy Entertainment's Jim Curry's Tribute to the Music of John Denver.



Cheam Leisure Centre and Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre



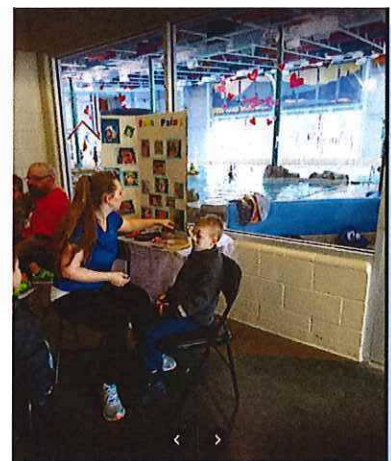
Canadian Recreation Excellence Corporation had a very exciting first quarter for 2017 at both the Cheam and Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre! The facilities offered a membership sale for most of December and as a result, the facilities saw very busy months in the first part of the year. Although all three months were steady in usage, February was slightly lower, mainly due to the inclement weather which resulted in the facilities being closed for a few days for both patron and staff safety reasons. During the 'snow days', when the facility was opened staff worked diligently in collaboration with the City to ensure safe access to the facility was maintained.

Cheam Leisure Centre

During the first quarter, the Cheam Leisure Centre had been focusing on the growth and development of youth programs such as child minding, Tumble Time, Tots in the Wild and birthday parties. With exciting new programs and classes offered in most departments, the facility saw a great response from patrons and the facilities got busier with each month. The facility underwent some renovations which included expanding the child-minding rooms, the birthday party rooms and the youth camp rooms downstairs, all of which used to be used as storage rooms.

The Cheam Centre hosted its 2nd Annual Squash Tournament at the end of March bringing out 42 competitors.

Recreation Excellence continued working on its partnership with the Chilliwack Society for Community Living in several different areas examples being hiring of staff with disabilities, and working together on a Rick Hansen "Barrier Busters Grant" application. This Grant will hopefully provide the Cheam Leisure Centre with a new vertical lift to replace the old stair lift.



Birthday parties



Child minding

Cheam Leisure Centre and Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

CLLC supported a very successful BCAA Provincial Championship Swim Meet, hosted by the Spartan's Swim Club February 16-19, 2017. It was reported that this was the largest attended Provincial Championship with over 500 swimmers in attendance. The pool was closed to the public during this event to accommodate the massive amounts of swimmers, coaches and spectators on site.

Maintenance staff worked on many projects related to preventative maintenance and repairs in order to meet customer needs in the facility. Examples of such included hydrostatic valve replacements in the hot tub that is helping in water preservation, shower system repairs thereby rectifying past cold water shower situations. Regulatory skimmer screen installations in the hot tubs and leisure pool increased safety for patrons and the boiler/heat exchanger repairs helped provide consistent water temperatures.



Family Day was a blast at Cheam and CLLC! The facilities had over 1,200 people come visit and to participate in free fitness classes, free swims and youth activities such as a photo scavenger hunt, face-painting and bubble ball! Bubble ball was the hit of the event at Cheam!

During Spring Break, the two facilities offered 2-weeks of Youth Camps at Cheam and 1-week at CLLC for youth age 6-13 yrs. There were over 124 children in attendance participating in a variety of organized activities. The Cheam Centre offered a Karate and Sportball camp while the Chilliwack Landing offered Sportball as their 1 week camp option. The youth not only got to participate in the organized activities but they also got to indulge in a variety of different activities including swimming, arts and crafts, hopefully establishing great memories. This was the first time that Youth Camps have been offered at CLLC and it was very well received by both parents and the kids!

The first quarter saw the maintenance staff start working on the Rotary Outdoor Pool in order to get it ready for the summer season.





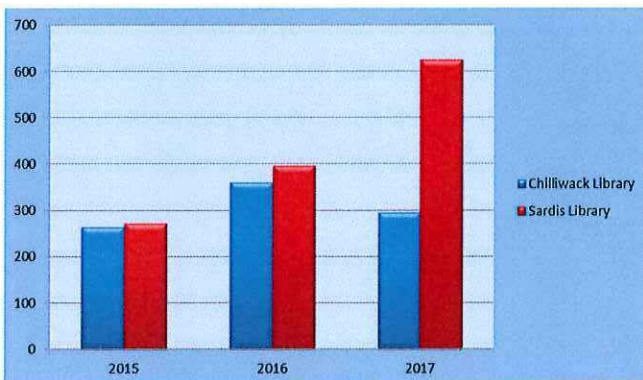
Chilliwack Library

The extreme weather in February may have caused some unexpected closures, but there was no shortage of patrons during the Library's open hours. Despite the unusual amount of snow and ice, patrons flooded the doors to utilize the books, movies, digital resources and free programs offered for all ages. Shortly after the Annual Friends of the Chilliwack Libraries Society sale at the Sardis Library, the Chilliwack Library held a jigsaw puzzle contest. The winning family team completed a 500 piece puzzle in an astounding 55 minutes!

The two week long Spring Break in Chilliwack found a lot of families looking to keep their children busy and entertained. Kids of all ages were invited to see falconry first hand at the library. A large group of approximately 250 joined us for an interactive Birds of Prey presentation put on by the Radical Raptors falconry center. Professional trainers were on hand to promote the education and understanding of raptors through an exciting live presentation.

A whopping 285 children came to see local magician Gary Savard. As many arrived early to ensure their spot, Gary went above and beyond to have kids dancing, laughing and entertained before the show had even began.

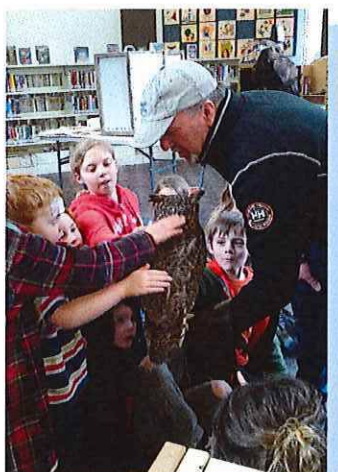
With so much to offer its vast demographic, it is no surprise the Chilliwack Library continues to thrive as an important pillar of the community.



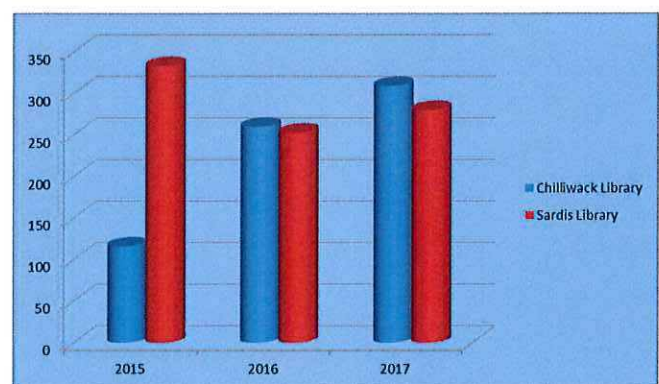
Children's January Program Attendance



February puzzle contest winners



Radical Raptors



Adult January Program Attendance



Sardis Library

As part of the Sardis Library's ongoing efforts to connect with families, it has developed a partnership with Chilliwack Community Services. The Library has opened its doors to provide a gathering space for their Family Place preschool drop-in program. Family Place provides parents and caregivers of young children with a place to play, learn, create and grow in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Library staff were pleasantly surprised when attendance during the first session exceeded 50 people, and look forward to contributing to this program by offering story time. One Library staff member shared with us that she and her young children benefited from this program over twenty years ago. Her family's participation resulted in enduring friendships that have continued to this day.



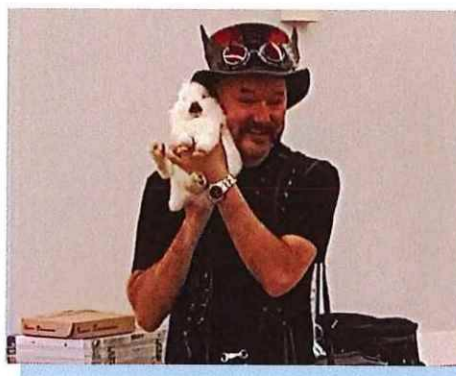
Sardis Puzzle



photo of Teddy Anderson provided by Chilliwack Progress reporter Jenna Hauck).

Yarrow Library

The Yarrow Library has nurtured its relationship with the local schools within the community by planning innovative and relevant programming. Staff also highlights programs for adults that tell the story of the changing community and environment. Vic Froese shared his presentation of the rejuvenation of the man-made spawning channels close to Yarrow, known as the Browne Creek Wetlands. The Langley Makerspace Society wowed a large group of students with their 3D Printers and Teddy Anderson, Hoop Dancer, inspired and danced his way into the hearts and minds of students at the Yarrow Community School.



Magician, Gary Savard

Regular programming such as Storytime and LEGO Club continued to hold strong and provide regular programming for families closer to home. During Spring break, the Harry Potter scavenger hunt & Bert's Bott Beans count was enjoyed by all ages when they visited the library. Magician, Gary Savard, highlighted the spring break with his fabulous magic program. Despite the poor weather during January and February attendance was excellent.